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SUBJECT: KIDNAPPED AMERICANS: KIGOMA AREA POSSIBLE SITE FOR
NEGOTIATIONS WITH PRP?

REF: DAR ES SALAAM 1930 AND 1917

1. EMBASSY RECEIVED SECOND MESSAGE IN CODE OVER RADIO FROM
MACDOUGALL IN KIGOMA MORNING JUNE 6 AS FOLLOWS:

2. QTE LOOKS INCREASINGLY POSSIBLE NEGOTIATION MAY OCCUR THIS
LOCATION. IF THIS DEVELOPS BELIEVE WE SHOULD BE READY
BRING ABOUT PETER STEINER OR OTHER NON-GOVERNMENT NEGOTIATOR
HERE QUICKLY. MARROW WILLING OFFER HOUSE OR MISSION AS SITE
BUT OBVIOUS NEED MAXIMUM ASSURANCE NON-INTERFERENCE TANGANYIKA
GOVERNMENT. LOCAL OFFICIALS FRIENDLY BUT DOUBTFULLY COOPERATIVE
WITHOUT ORDERS. LOCAL SPOOKS ABOUND AND ARE CURIOUS. APPRECIATE
DETAIL UNDERSTANDING WITH TANZANIA GOVERNMENT RE NEGOTIATIONS
AND ANY INSTRUCTIONS TRANSMITTED LOCAL OFFICIALS. I PLAN LAY
LOW CULTIVATE MISSIONARIES FOR TIME BEING. UNQTE.

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3. WE DO NOT YET KNOW HOW EFFECTIVE IS PRP EMISSARY WITH

WHOM REVEREND YAKOBO IS IN TOUCH. WE ALSO WOULD LIKE TO HAVE PRP RESPONSE TO OUR MESSAGE (REFTELS) BEFORE CONSIDERING NEXT STEP. WE CONSIDER IT PREMATURE, THEREFORE, TO INITIATE DISCUSSION WITH TANGOV TO ESTABLISH PARAMETERS AND GROUND RULES FOR POSSIBLE NEGOTIATIONS WITH PRP AND INTEND TAKE NO RPT NO ACTION TOWARDS TANGOV ON THIS MATTER AT THIS TIME.

4. RE SELECTION OF SUITABLE SITE FOR NEGOTIATIONS IN AND AROUND KIGOMA, WE DO NOT BELIEVE MARROW HOUSE OFFERS BEST LOCATION FOR NEGOTIATIONS BECAUSE REBEL NEGOTIATORS MIGHT FIND IT DOES NOT OFFER SUFFICIENT PROTECTION FROM PARTIES NOT PARTICIPATING IN NEGOTIATIONS (I.E. TANGOV SECURITY OFFICIALS). ALSO, MARROW HOUSE HAS OFFERED US EASY MEETING PLACE FOR RECEIPT OF MESSAGES FROM REBELS AND POINT WHERE AFRICAN FRIENDS OF MISSIONARY CAN BRING IN REPORTS CIRCULATING IN TOWN AND IN NEARBY VILLAGES REGARDING REBEL ACTIVITIES. IN GENERAL, DIFFICULT LOCATE SECURE PLACE IN KIGOMA.

5. WHILE AT FIRST IT MAY SEEM BIT ESOTERIC, EMB OFFICER LUCIUS, WHO HAS JUST RETURNED FROM KIGOMA, RECOMMENDS CONSIDERATION MEETING PRP NEGOTIATORS ON WATER. TWO POSSIBLE PLANS FOLLOW:

A. BARGE NEAR MOUTH OF KIGOMA HARBOR. BELIEVE ARNOLAC (COMPANY WHICH MOVES BURUNDI FREIGHT BETWEEN KIGOMA AND BUJUMBURA) COULD BE PREVAILED UPON TO ANCHOR 100 FOOT LAKE BARGE AS MEETING PLACE FOR NEGOTIATORS. BARGE COULD BE ANCHORED IN OPEN WATER OF HARBOR AND AFFORD REBELS UNRESTRICTED ENTRY TONEGOTIATION SITE AND, WHILE ON BARGE, THERE WOULD BE AMPLE SPACE FOR PRIVATE DISCUSSIONS OF INDIVIDUAL NEGOTIATING TEAMS.

B. FAO BOAT ANCHORED NEAR REBEL ENCAMPMENT. FAO HAS BASED AT UNDP PROJECT AT KIGOMA 40-FOOT LONG, 16-FOOT BEAM FISHING TRAWLER CAPABLE OF TRAVELING AT 16 KNOTS PER HOUR. VESSEL HAS SHIP-TO-SHORE RADIO EQUIPMENT CAPABLE OF TRANSMITTING 100 MILES. CARRYING UN FLAG, IT MIGHT APPEAL TO REBELS AS NEUTRAL GROUND FOR MEETING OF NEGOTIATING TEAMS. IF REBELS WOULD WISH ADDITIONAL ASSURANCES OF SECURITY, TWO OR THREE NEGOTIATORS COULD MEET NEARBY ON LAKE BY COMING TOGETHER IN SMALL LOCALLY-FABRICATED BOAT WHICH COULD OFFER ASSURANCE FROM SURPRISE ATTACK BY EITHER SIDE IF OCCUPANTS

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OF BOAT LIMITED TO TWO EACH CRAFT.

6. RECOGNIZE THERE ARE NUMEROUS OTHER POSSIBILITIES ON HOW AND WHERE TO CONDUCT NEGOTIATIONS. WE WILL OBVIOUSLY HAVE TO BE GUIDED TO CERTAIN EXTENT BY WISHES OF PRP NEGOTIATORS. BELIEVE WE SHOULD BEGIN TO FOCUS ON THIS KIND OF DETAIL NOW, HOWEVER, AND WILL WELCOME COMMENT FROM BUJUMBURA AND KINSHASA.

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